Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not passed on the full increase in international prices to domestic consumers. The under-recoveries of the OMCs is to the tune of Rs. 1401 crore on the diesel for the period April 2004 to February 2005.

Allocation of Kerosene to UP

1499. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the actual allotment of kerosene for Uttar Pradesh during the last three years ending 31st March, 2004;

(b) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested the Centre to increase the quantity of Kerosene for the State; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Centre thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Allocation of Kerosene (SKO) made to Uttar Pradesh during the last three years ending 31st March, 2004 is as under:—

Year	Quantity (in Metric Tonnes)
2001-02	1288,674
2002-03	12,61,121
2003-04	12,32,633

(b) Yes, Sir. This Ministry has received representations from various State Governments/Union Territories (UTs), including Uttar Pradesh, for the enhancement of their SKO quota.

(c) Additional allocations have been made to various States/UTs to meet their demand includding an additional allocation of 30,287 Metric Tonnes (MTs) of SKO for the period January to March, 2005 to Uttar Pradesh. The Central Government have also commissioned the National Council of Applied Economic Research to undertake the first-ever detailed study of Kerosene demand in the country.

Potential of new oil fields in Gujarat

1500. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the possibility of striking new oil fields in Gujarat due to the successful exploration and deep drilling of oil well in Dholka Taluka of Ahmedabad District, which was earlier left out by an earlier company; and